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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

A clean copy of the amendment of the specification is set forth below. A marked-up version showing the changes made is attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 1 (i.e., the first full paragraph on page 12) with the following paragraph:

Although the modality 12 may pertain to the examination of a subject in any number of fields, such as manufacturing, veterinary science, scientific research, etc., the modality is preferably a medical device to retrieve data related to a subject's